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THEREOF

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including October 23, 2006 to respond to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2006.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be 10734563 submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the aboveidentified application does not become abandoned.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$510.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our leading to the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by the filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by the filed herewith (or with any paper herew 2

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